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SUBJECT- DANISH AMBASSADOR CALLS ON ACTING SECRETARY

1. DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED DECEMBER 12 ON ACTING

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SECRETARY INGERSOLL FOR TOUR D'HORIZON PRIOR TO RETURNING

TO COPENHAGEN FOR HOLIDAYS. BARTELS BEGAN BY STATING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED US LEADERSHIP AND PLACED HIGHEST PRIORITY ON GOOD RELATIONS WITH US. THIS WAS WHY HIS PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO MAKE STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY, PROVIDING, OF COURSE, HE IS STILL IN OFFICE AFTER JANUARY 9 ELECTIONS. INGERSOLL SAID WE WOULD CERTAINLY KEEP PROPOSED VISIT IN MIND.

2. ON ENERGY, BARTELS EXPLAINED THAT DENMARK WARMLY SUPPORTED INITIATIVES OF SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SIMON. AT RECENT DECEMBER 9-10 MEETING OF EC-9 HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR US INITIATIVES, ALTHOUGH FRENCH DIFFERED ON TACTICS AND BASIC APPROACH. THE PRESIDENT WOULD HEAR MORE OF THIS AT MARTINIQUE.

3. BARTELS ASKED IF US STILL BELIEVED STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH WOULD PROVE MOST FRUITFUL IN MIDDLE EAST. WHY, ASKED BARTELS, DID US HESITATE TO ACCEPT SOVIET VIEW THAT US AND USSR MEETING TOGETHER IN GENEVA WITH ARABS

AND ISRAEL COULD RESULT IN FASTER MOVEMENT? DENMARK WAS MORE EXPOSED TO DANGER OF WAR IN MIDDLE EAST AND THEREFORE LESS PATIENT. COULD NOT THE SUPERPOWERS IMPOSE A SOLUTION? INGERSOLL EXPLAINED THAT WE BELIEVED IT TOOK TIME TO CHANGE BASIC VIEWS IN THAT AREA. POLITICAL PRESSURE WITHIN ISRAEL TO RETAIN TERRITORY FOR DEFENSIVE REASONS WAS INTENSE. IT WOULD TAKE TIME FOR THESE ATTITUDES TO CHANGE AND WE DO NOT SEE ANY EFFECTIVE WAY TO DO IT MORE RAPIDLY. WE SHARE DENMARK'S CONCERN, SAID INGERSOLL, BUT KEY ARAB STATES HAD ALSO ACCEPTED SECRETARY'S APPROACH. BARTELS SAID SECRETARY HAD UNDOUBTEDLY PLAYED CRUCIAL ROLE IN SUCCESSES TO DATE, BUT HE HAD MADE MISTAKE BY ELIMINATING EUROPEANS. INGERSOLL SAID EUROPEANS HAD ELIMINATED THEMSELVES LAST OCTOBER. BARTELS AGREED US WOULD HAVE TO PLAY KEY ROLE IN ANY MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

4. BARTELS ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF TRADE BILL. INGERSOLL CITED EXTENSIVE ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO BRING BILL TO VOTE, EXPLAINING THAT WE HAD THE VOTES TO PASS IT AS LONG CONFIDENTIAL

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AS OPPONENTS DID NOT ATTACH NON-GERMANE RIDERS. IF THEY DID, BILL WOULD BE DEBATED TO DEATH AND NOT GET THROUGH THIS CONGRESS.

5. BARTELS SAID HE HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT BUY AN AMERICAN REPLACEMENT FOR THE F-104, ALTHOUGH ULTIMATE DECISION WOULD BE UP TO THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS. INGERSOLL STRESSED IMPORTANCE US PLACED ON HAVING

FOUR-NATION CONSORTIUM DECIDE ON US PRODUCT. BARTELS THEN RAISED PROBLEM OF AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAS. THE SAS COUNTRIES DID NOT BELIEVE THEY HAD VIOLATED THE AIR AGREEMENT WITH THE US; MOREOVER, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT FOLLOW AN INFLEXIBLE APPROACH -- AS HAD THE DUTCH -- BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE US NOT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION. INGERSOLL SAID HE WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS IN A VERY FAIR MANNER. IF THERE WERE DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS, BOTH SIDES SHOULD POINT OUT THEIR VIEWS. THE US DID NOT WANT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION, BUT WE HAD WORKED ON THIS PROBLEM FOR FIVE YEARS AND NOTHING HAD HAPPENED. BARTELS SAID IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE US SHOULD MAKE THE AIRCRAFT AND SAS SHOULD FLY THEM. SAS RECEIVED NO GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND HAD MERGED AVIATION INTERESTS OF THREE COUNTRIES. OTHER EUROPEAN AIRLINES MIGHT WELL FOLLOW THE SAS EXAMPLE.

6. BARTELS SAID ON LEAVING THAT HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 15. KISSINGER

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